



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

July 24, 2000

**H.R. 1791
Federal Law Enforcement Animal Protection Act of 2000**

As cleared by the Congress on July 19, 2000

Enacting H.R. 1791 could affect direct spending and receipts. CBO estimates, however, that the amounts involved would be less than \$500,000 annually.

H.R. 1791 would make it a federal crime to harm a police dog or horse used by a federal agency. As a result, the federal government would be able to pursue cases that it otherwise would not be able to prosecute. Because those prosecuted and convicted under this legislation could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government might collect additional fines if H.R. 1791 is enacted. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (revenues), which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and spent in subsequent years. CBO expects that any additional receipts and direct spending would be negligible because of the small number of cases likely to be involved.

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